

Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program (JAIBG) FY 03 State Plan

The State of Iowa has received, for the fourth consecutive year, the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), in the amount of \$2,844,800, to develop programs that promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. The goals of the program are to reduce juvenile delinquency, improve the juvenile justice system, and increase accountability for juvenile offenders. The Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP) is the state-designated agency to receive the federal funds. The established practice of allocating the funds to the local communities will continue.

- **Local Pass-Through of Funds:** JAIBG guidelines specify that a percentage of the funds will pass-through directly to units of local government (cities and counties). OJJDP has for the first three years approved either 26% or 27% of the funds to be distributed to units of local government, based on the financial analysis demonstrating the State's financial burden for the administration of juvenile justice as 73% or 74%, respectfully. CJJP will be asking OJJDP for a 24% pass-through this year, based on the updated financial analysis. The distributions to units of local government are based on a formula of the combination of law enforcement expenditures and the annual number of Uniform Crime Report part 1 violent crimes reported by each unit of local government for the most recent year for which data are available. Units of local government whose allocations are at least \$5,000 qualify for a direct allocation.

State Plan: The State portion of JAIBG will continue to be expended in a manner consistent with the Congressional intent of being responsive to the particular needs of local communities. The approach has been developed with input from the chief juvenile court officers, decategorization coordinators, Iowa League of Cities, Iowa State Association of Counties, and approved by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council and the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Advisory Council.

- **Allocation to Local Planning Entities**
\$1,825,320, and any recaptured funds from FY01, will be allocated to the Decategorization (decat) governance boards and to Ida County. The decat governance boards shall submit plans to CJJP for approval and for authorization of allocations. The allocations to the decats will be based on the formula of child population ages 5-17, and must be expended in one or more of the 12 program purpose areas. The decat governance boards shall invite representatives from law enforcement, county attorney's office, and city government within their decat area to participate in the planning for the JAIBG funds, in addition to the required juvenile court, DHS, and county representatives. A joint planning format for the decat and JAIBG plans has been implemented, which allows communities to plan along the service continuum (prevention to sanction) in one document. Decats have the option to combine funds by forming a regional coalition with a unit of local government or another decat.

- **Identified Juvenile Justice Needs**
The remaining JAIBG funds are anticipated to be \$400,000, which includes funds generated through the interest-bearing trust fund, from FY01's JAIBG funds. These funds will address juvenile justice issues at the local level that are identified by the Chief Juvenile Court Officers. A process will be used to identify and prioritize gaps in the juvenile justice system to assure the funds are expended in a manner complementary to the JAIBG funds allocated to the decat governance boards.

JAIBG Funds Must be Spent in One or More of these
Twelve (12) Program Purpose Areas

Purpose area 1: Building, expanding, renovating, or operating temporary or permanent juvenile correction or detention facilities, including training of correctional personnel;

Purpose Area 2: Developing and administering accountability-based sanctions for juvenile offenders;

Purpose area 3: Hiring additional juvenile judges, probation officers, and court-appointed defenders, and funding pre-trial services for juveniles, to ensure the smooth and expeditious administration of the juvenile justice system;

Purpose area 4: Hiring additional prosecutors, so that more cases involving violent juvenile offenders can be prosecuted and backlogs reduced;

Purpose area 5: Providing funding to enable prosecutors to address drug, gang, and youth violence problems more effectively;

Purpose area 6: Providing funding for technology, equipment, and training to assist prosecutors in identifying and expediting the prosecution of violent juvenile offenders;

Purpose area 7: Providing funding to enable juvenile courts and juvenile probation offices to be more effective and efficient in holding juvenile offenders accountable and reducing recidivism;

Purpose area 8: The establishment of court-based juvenile justice programs that target young firearm offenders through the establishment of juvenile gun courts for the adjudication and prosecution of juvenile firearms offenders;

Purpose area 9: The establishment of drug court programs for juveniles so as to provide continuing judicial supervision over juvenile offenders with substance abuse problems and to provide the integrated administration of other sanctions and services;

Purpose area 10: Establishing and maintaining interagency information-sharing programs that enable the juvenile and criminal justice system, schools, and social services agencies to make more informed decisions regarding the early identification, control, supervision, and treatment of juveniles who repeatedly commit serious delinquent or criminal acts;

Purpose area 11: Establishing and maintaining accountability-based programs that work with juvenile offenders who are referred by law enforcement agencies, or which are designed, in cooperation with law enforcement officials, to protect students and school personnel from drug, gang, and youth violence;

Purpose area 12: Implementing a policy of controlled substance testing for appropriate categories of juveniles within the juvenile justice system.